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14th December 1872.

No. 303. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 18th November 1872, No. 3,861 :—

I HAVE the honour to request the sanction of Government to the following revision of Ranges in this district, to take place simultaneously with the arrival of Executive-Engineer Captain Coningham, R. E., and Assistant-Engineer Mr. J. M. Hawksworth, whose appointments are notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 13th instant.

2. I should premise by saying that, as I have been led to understand by you that the Perryaur Project is not likely to be set in hand until 1874-75, the Dindigul Range ceases for the present to have a claim on the services of the senior Executive Officer of the district; on the contrary, it is essentially necessary that this Officer should have charge of the Madura Range, which is far the more important of the two Ranges, not only on account of its greater extent but on account of the many important road and other works under progress in it at the present time, and which demand the close and careful supervision of an experienced Officer.

3. Bearing these views in mind the arrangements I propose are as follow :—

(I.) Executive-Engineer Captain Coningham, R. E., to have charge of the Madura Range, comprising the three taluqs of Madura, Meyloor, and Tiroomungalum, with two sub-divisions, namely—

(*a.*) Ramnad and Paumbum, under the charge of Assistant-Engineer Mr. J. M. Hawksworth ; and

(*b.*) Shevagunga, under the charge of Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay.

(II.) Assistant-Engineer Mr. G. R. Leggatt to be in charge of the Dindigul Range, comprising the taluqs of Dindigul and Pulney, with—

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4. It will be observed that I proposed that the Tiroomungalum Taluq should revert to the Madura Range. I have on a former occasion reported that the limits of the Local Fund Circles of this division were determined without any kind of reference to this office, and as regards the Madura District the limits of the Circles have been so arbitrarily, if not ridiculously, divided, that the Tiroomungalum Taluq has been included in the Dindigul Circle, the Members of the Local Fund Board of which have no kind of connexion, knowledge, or interest with, or in, that taluq—a taluq, moreover, which can only be directly reached from Dindigul by penetrating into the limits of the Madura Circle. It will thus be seen that, while it has been arranged that the whole of the Local Fund work should be executed by this Department, the convenience of this Department, as regards the supervision of the works in the Tiroomungalum Taluq, appears to have received but scant consideration.

5. With the above explanation I trust that the Government will be pleased to allow the Ranges of the Madura District to be defined as above indicated.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1872.

No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1872, No. 2,968.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 24.

THE Government leave the precise arrangement of the Public Works Executive Establishments of the Madura District to the discretion of the District Engineer, conditionally on the sanctioned scales of such establishments not being exceeded. The question of revising the Ranges cannot be disposed of without reference to the President of the Local Funds Board, with whom the District Engineer should place himself in communication and make a further report to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" Ch: Engr. for Irr.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 3861. Superintg: Engineer's Office S.D.
Madura 18th November 1872

From

Lieut. Colo. R. A. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer S.D.

To

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Secretary to Government
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Superintg. Engineer 8. Do.

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Ranges. Passing orders on letter from the Supg Engr of the 8th Dt. requesting sanction to a revision of the ranges in the Madras District.